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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO

DEPARTMENT REPEAT AS NECESSARY

1. SECRETARY MET WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO FOR AN HOUR IN PRESENCE OF ADVISERS AND FOR ANOTHER TWENTY MINUTES PRIVATELY BEFORE DINNER IN HIS HONOR. ALSO PRESENT ON PAKISTANI SIDE WERE LAW MINISTER ABDUL HAFEEZ PIRZADA, MINISTER AZIZ AHMAD, FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI. ON US SIDE SOBER, SISCO, SAUNDERS ACCOMPANIED SECRETARY.

2. MAIN SUBJECT COVERED IN FULL SESSION WAS US STRATEGY TOWARD ARAB-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT AND RELATIONSHIP OF THIS WEEK'S CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT TO LONGER TERM EFFORTS ACHIEVE SETTLEMENT.

3. SECRETARY STATED BELIEF TIME RIPE FOR MAJOR EFFORT ACHIEVE PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST AND OUTLINED US VIEW THAT, ONCE SOVIET RESUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ARABS BEGAN IN RECENT WAR, ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT ACQUIRED GLOBAL AS WELL AS REGIONAL DIMENSION. SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT FIRST EFFORT IN PAST TEN DAYS HAD BEEN TO CRYSTALLIZE AGREEMENT STABILIZING CEASEFIRE AS A BASIS FOR MOVING ON TO PEACE TALKS WHICH WOULD

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DEAL IN INITIAL PHASE WITH DISENGAGEMENT. SECRETARY DESCRIBED SOME OF PROCEDURES ENVISIONED FOR TALKS AND STRESSED OUR RECOGNITION OF DIFFICULTIES THAT STILL LIE

AHEAD AND IMPORTANCE HAVING ARABS ALLOW TIME FOR STEADY PROGRESS. FURTHER EXPLAINED WHY ARAB OIL BOYCOTT WOULD HURT RATHER THAN HELP ARAB INTERESTS.

4. PM THANKED SECRETARY FOR HIS PRESENTATION AND EXPLAINED PAKISTANI STANCE DURING RECENT MIDDLE EAST WAR. DESCRIBED POPULAR SUPPORT IN PAKISTAN FOR ARAB CAUSE BUT NOTED THAT PRACTICAL PAKISTANI SUPPORT HAD BEEN LIMITED, ALTHOUGH IN END PAKISTAN HAD SENT SOME PILOTS. ALSO INDICATED PAKISTAN HAD GONE ALONG WITH TUNKU PROPOSAL FOR ISLAMIC SUMMIT AS ALTERNATIVE TO ARAB SUMMIT. PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HAD MODIFIED ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WHICH CRITICAL OF US, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NOW MIGHT NOT BE APPROPRIATE TIME. SECRETARY SAID SHAH PRESENTLY INCLINED DELAY. ON CENTRAL SUBJECT OF ARAB-ISRAEL SETTLEMENT, PM SAID PAKISTAN HAPPY TO PROMOTE US EFFORT. SECRETARY PROMISED KEEP PM INFORMED.

5. BHUTTO ASKED HOW US-USSR DETENTE HOLDING, AND SECRETARY DESCRIBED SOVIET ACTIONS AND US POLICY TOWARD THOSE ACTIONS DURING RECENT WAR. SECRETARY CONCLUDED US WOULD CONTINUE PURSUE DETENTE POLICY. PM SAID PAKISTAN WOULD WELCOME SUCCESS THIS POLICY. KISSINGER

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